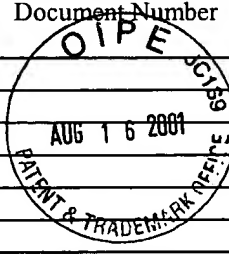
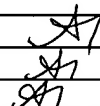


[illegible]

Form PTO-1449 (Rev. 2-32)		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent & Trademark Office		Atty. Docket No.: Q63680		Serial No.: 09/821,020 Confirmation No.: 5550	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)				Applicant: Kohei ABUKAWA			
				Filing Date: March 30, 2001		Group: 1762-1775	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
							
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		Document	Date	Country	Class	Sub-class	Translation Yes/No
		4-202075	07/22/1992	Japan			Abstract
		8-12471	01/16/1996	Japan			Abstract
		4-136174	05/11/1992	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
		European Search Report No. 01303041 dated July 9, 2001					
EXAMINER: <i>Turner</i>				DATE CONSIDERED: 8/20/02			
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.							

RECEIVED
 AUG 20 2001
 TC 1700